

depending skirt having an internal thread configuration adapted for engaging an external thread configuration on the neck portion of said container by [either] snap-on application [or screw on application] during initial installation of said closure to said container neck;

c. an inner annular [valve] sealing flange depending from said closure top portion in spaced relation to said depending skirt; and

d. a tamper indicating ring connected to said depending skirt by a [at least one circumferentially located] frangible element.

a 2. (amended) The tamper indicating closure of Claim 1 or 25, wherein said tamper indicating ring includes [at least one annularly spaced] an elevated [bridge portion] area extending axially towards said depending skirt, wherein said [at least one] elevated [bridge portion] area [define] defines a region [an area] of decreased ring spacing from said depending skirt.

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3. (amended) The tamper indicating closure of Claim 2, further comprising a plurality of said frangible elements and said elevated [bridge portions] areas, wherein at least one of said frangible elements [are] is connected to said depending skirt between two said elevated [bridge portions] areas.

4. (amended) The tamper indicating closure of Claim 3, wherein at least one other said frangible [elements are] element is connected to said depending skirt from [and between said] an elevated [bridge portions] area.

5. (amended) The tamper indicating closure of Claim 3 wherein said elevated [bridge portions] areas extending from said [annular] tamper indicating ring are of a known vertical height, and said frangible elements are of a height greater than that of said known height of said elevated [bridge portions] areas.

6. (amended) The tamper indicating closure of Claim 4 wherein said elevated [bridge portions] areas extending from said [annular] tamper indicating ring are of a known vertical height, and said frangible elements are of a height greater than that of said known height of said elevated [bridge portions] areas.

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7. (amended) The tamper indicating closure of Claim 1 or 25, wherein said container neck [contains at least one lug] additionally comprises a projection configured for engaging said frangible [elements] element to disconnect said closure from said tamper [evident band] indicating ring upon twist-off removal of said closure from said container neck.

8. (amended) The tamper indicating closure of Claim 6, wherein said container neck contains at least one [lug] projection configured for engaging said frangible elements to disconnect said closure from said tamper [evident band] indicating ring upon twist-off removal of said closure from said container neck.

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9. (amended) The tamper indicating closure of Claim 1 or 25, wherein said inner

annular [valve] sealing flange includes at least one annular sealing bead extending around [at least] a portion of [the circumference of] said inner annular [valve] sealing flange and being configured for engagement with the interior surface of said container neck finish.

10. (amended) The tamper indicating closure of Claim 8, wherein said inner annular [valve] sealing flange includes at least one annular sealing bead extending around [at least] a portion of [the circumference of] said inner annular [valve] sealing flange and being configured for engagement with the interior surface of said container neck finish.

a 11. (amended) The tamper indicating closure of Claim 1 or 25, wherein said annular depending skirt includes at least one annular sealing bead extending around [at least] a portion of [the circumference of] said skirt and being configured for engagement with the exterior surface of said container neck finish.

12. (amended) The tamper indicating closure of Claim 10, wherein said annular depending skirt includes at least one annular sealing bead extending around [at least] a portion of [the circumference of] said skirt and being configured for engagement with the exterior surface of said container neck finish.

13. (amended) The tamper indicating closure of Claim 11, wherein at least one said [one] annular sealing bead engages a sealing bead on the exterior of said container neck finish.

14. (amended) The tamper indicating closure of Claim 11, wherein at least one said [one] annular sealing bead engages a sealing groove on the exterior of said container neck finish.

a 15. (amended) The tamper indicating closure of Claim 12, wherein at least one said [one] annular sealing bead engages a sealing bead on the exterior of said container neck finish.

16. (amended) The tamper indicating closure of Claim 12, wherein at least one said [one] annular sealing bead engages a sealing groove on the exterior of said container neck finish.

17. (amended) The tamper indicating closure of Claim 1 or 25, wherein said thread configurations contain eight or nine circumferentially spaced individual thread leads.

a² 21. (amended) The tamper indicating closure of Claim 1 or 25, wherein said tamper indicating ring includes at least one arcuate projection extending around at least a portion of said tamper indicating ring arranged for registration with a container neck portion on which said closure is positioned.

a³ 23. (amended) The tamper indicating closure of Claim 21, wherein said closure includes at least one nonremovable member breakably attached to said tamper-indicating ring which cooperates with at least one said arcuate projection to assist in breaking said tamper

indicating ring during removal of said closure from said container neck.

a³ 24. (amended) The tamper indicating closure of Claim 23, wherein at least one said arcuate projection is held in place by an annular locking flange on said container neck as said member is pulled away from said arcuate projection by twist-off removal of said annular depending skirt to cause said tamper indicating ring to break at a weakened area as said member pulls said tamper indicating ring upward to cause breakage of said frangible elements and fracture of said weakened area by separation of said portion of said tamper indicating ring attached to said member from said portion of said tamper indicating ring attached to said arcuate projection.

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a 25. A tamper indicating closure configured for snap-on or screw-on application to a container, said closure and container comprising in combination:

- a. a closure top portion;
- b. an annular depending skirt extending from said top portion, said depending skirt having an internal thread configuration adapted for engaging an external thread configuration on the neck portion of said container by snap-on application during initial installation of said closure to said container neck;
- c. an inner annular sealing flange depending from said closure top portion in spaced relation to said depending skirt; and
- d. a tamper indicating ring connected to said depending skirt by a frangible element.

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